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SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Military Information

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1. Between July and October 1961, the obsolescent aircraft at the military airfield in Cristiani were being dismantled and replaced by six MIG-21's.

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2. Between October 1957 and October 1959, the 105th Infantry Regiment [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was stationed near Jebel village, in the Timisoara region.

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Considered a crack fighting formation, the 105th regiment was deployed along the Yugoslav border at full combat strength. Its approximately 11,000 men were organized into the following sub-units: one 120-mm mortar battery; one 86-mm field gun battery; one antiaircraft artillery battery; one T-34 tank company; and several rifle companies with support weapons. The commander of the regiment was Lt. Col. Ionel Popa, and the political deputy was Capt. Nicolae Tascuamu.

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3. Between October 1956 and September 1959, a regional rations store [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Artillery Troops was located in Hemeius, north of Bacau.

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The store extended over a large, fenced-in area containing dozens of concrete and brick buildings for storage of foodstuffs. It was was

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situated next to a railroad line and was also easily accessible by road. About 400 men of the Artillery Troops were stationed at the store in administrative and guard duties. The installation was commanded by Lt. Col. Popa (fnu), and its political deputy was Capt. Alexandru Preda.

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4. In 1959, a rear-echelon unit [redacted] known as SCEC [redacted] [redacted] was stationed on Calea Aradului in Timisoara, near the military cemetery and opposite the base of an armored regiment. The unit was charged with the maintenance of barracks and other military installations. It maintained stores of building materials in Timisoara, Lugoj, and other places in their vicinity. Lt. Col. Gheorghe Agapie, [redacted] commanded the unit.
5. In 1959, an infantry regiment [redacted] was encamped in a large base near the northwestern approaches to Lugoj. A field artillery regiment [redacted] which held small-caliber guns (no details), was stationed at the same camp.
6. Between November 1957 and April 1959, an armored regiment [redacted] of the 99th Mechanized Division in Oradea was stationed on the road to the Runikovski cemetery in that city. The regiment contained several T-34/75 (sic) tank companies and one SU-100 self-propelled gun company. It was commanded by Maj. Gherghelies (fnu).
7. In 1958, an armored division [redacted] was stationed in the villages of Basarabi and Murfatlar.

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8. Between November 1955 and September 1956, an armored regiment [ ] 50X1-HUM

[ ] of the Tudor Vladimirescu Division was stationed in barracks on Strada Malinovski in Sibiu. The formation contained several companies of armor, including T-34/85 tanks, SU-76 and SU-100 self-propelled guns, and was at full combat strength. It also conducted training courses for armored vehicle crews of other regiments in the division. 50X1-HUM

9. From September 1956 until November 1957, another armored regiment [ ] 50X1-HUM

[ ] of the Tudor Vladimirescu Division, which was intended to operate in a shock-troop role (regiment tancuri-interventie), was stationed

three or four kilometers from Buzias. At the outbreak of the Hungarian rebellion, the formation was put in a state of alert and drew its battle ammunition. As soon as the students' demonstrations in Timisoara began to assume dangerous proportions, the regiment was rushed to that city in full strength and dispersed the demonstrators. There was an exchange of small arms' fire and there were several casualties. During the time in question, the regiment was commanded by Maj. Dutu (fmu), and the political deputy was Capt. Curila (fmu).

10. In summer 1956, a tank regiment [ ] was stationed in Tirgul Mures.

11. Between November 1951 and September 1952, the 147th Motorized Rifle 50X1-HUM

Regiment (Regiment Motomecanizat 147) [ ] was stationed at a camp in Cernavoda. The formation was part of the division in Basarabi, 50X1-HUM

which belonged to the Second Corps. The 147th regiment comprised one 120-mm mortar battalion (division), one 57-mm antitank artillery battalion, one antiaircraft artillery battalion, one T-34 tank company, and approximately two rifle companies with armored vehicles. In September 1952, the

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147th regiment was transferred to new barracks in Topraisar, where it was still stationed in spring 1954. The regiment's complement

not affected by the move.

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**COUNTRY:** Rumania

**SUBJECT:** Railroad Engineer Units

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1. The headquarters of a railroad engineer brigade in Bucharest commanded eight battalions, three of which were stationed in Iasi, Bacau, and Focsani respectively.

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The Focsani battalion had formerly been stationed in Birlad, but was transferred from there to Focsani when the Soviet forces evacuated Rumania in 1957. The Focsani battalion headquarters had the following three subordinate companies: First Company in Ploesti, Second Company in Galati; and Third Company in Buzau.

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2. The railroad engineer companies were organized a little differently from standard military units. Each railroad engineer company, for example, numbered up to 600 men, divided into four or five platoons. Each platoon consisted of four or five sections, and each section consisted of about 21 men. A 20-man section was considered the minimum size for a labor unit engaged in railroad engineer work.

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3. Soldiers of the railroad engineer companies underwent six weeks of basic training, which included individual and section field training, rifle drill, and some instruction in track laying and the construction of railroad bridges. Some of the firing exercises at the range were held at night, by the light of flares. Following basic training, the soldiers were posted to their units, were issued with personal arms, and were given some more training (several hours each week). Most of their time in the units, however, was spent in various work projects, such as work in nearby railroad workshops, with crews on the trains, on the repair and construction of railroads and bridges, and in the production of precast concrete components for buildings to be erected by the railroad directorate. Members of the Focsani battalion were engaged primarily in the maintenance of rail lines.

4. [redacted] personalities in the railroad engineer battalion in Focsani [redacted]

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a. Maj. Ron Popescu, battalion commander and an engineer by profession [redacted]

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b. Capt. Ion Stefan, political deputy of the battalion until 1958, [redacted]

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c. Capt. Tupala (fnu), chief of staff, [redacted]

d. Lt. Maj. Constantin Mandiuc, commander of the Galati company [redacted]

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e. Lt. Maj. Constantin Firoiu, political deputy of the Galati company [redacted]

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COUNTRY : Rumania

SUBJECT : Military Supply Depot [redacted] in Pitesti

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1. Military Supply Depot [redacted] which was subordinate to the First Military District, Bucharest (Regiunea la Militara-Bucuresti), was located on the left side of Privale Street, going from the town center, in Pitesti. An armored unit was stationed next to the depot and an officers' school opposite it.
2. The supply depot, which was surrounded by a fence, was situated on a hill a short distance from the street and had the following buildings:
- A 6 x 12-meter office building.
  - A 6 x 12-meter barracks.
  - Two 7 x 25-meter buildings, stocked with rations (both for current and emergency use), including flour and cereals, sugar, jams, and canned meat and other foods. No battle rations had been seen in these stores.



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d. Three 7 x 25-meter buildings, stocked with personal and unit equipment (excluding combat equipment) both for current and emergency use, including clothing, shoes, beds, blankets, eating utensils, and office equipment.

e. An open shed, housing truck-drawn field kitchens.

A group of about 14 or 15 five-square-meter buildings, which were situated a short distance from stores, were stocked with unmilled grain. A guard room was located next to these buildings, near the perimeter fence. All the buildings appeared to be rather new.

3. The depot was staffed by seven civilian employees, five officers, two sergeant-majors, and 15 soldiers who were engaged mainly in guard duties. All the military personnel wore red infantry shoulder boards with the gilded badge of the Rumanian Supply Corps.

4. The rations and equipment arrived in Pitesti by rail from Bucharest and were delivered to the depot by trucks. About 16 military units drew their supplies from the depot, using their own vehicles and labor.

5. The following officers were stationed at the depot:

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a. Lt. Major Gheorghe Bartos, [redacted] was political officer (second-in-command). [redacted]

b. Captain Ion Marin, [redacted] the officer in charge of manpower. [redacted]

c. Captain Ion Morcov, [redacted] was administrative officer (second-in-command). [redacted]

d. Lt. Colonel Ion Romascanu, [redacted] was commanding officer. [redacted]

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**COUNTRY:** Rumania

**SUBJECT:** Rumanian Army Ammunition Depot near  
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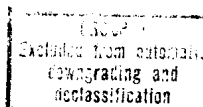
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1. A Rumanian Army ammunition depot was located near Tirgu Secuesc [N 46-00, E 26-08] in late 1956. The depot had the following main installations: four administration buildings (two multi-storied) located about 500 meters north of Bretcu [N 46-03, E 26-18] railroad station; approximately 19 concrete warehouses, each about 20x80x10 meters, spaced at rather distant intervals; and a rail spur which branched off the Bretcu line and entered the depot area.

2. The warehouses had flat roofs and were built in the rock of the hillside, to be covered with earth and planted over with trees. Although only three warehouses had been camouflaged in this manner by the end of 1956, the concealment of the remaining structures has meanwhile probably been executed as planned.

3. Each warehouse had a loading ramp in front and was connected to the internal railroad network. Each had three double doors of heavy metal (also in front) and flooring and whitewashed walls inside (no details were available on the lighting and ventilation systems).

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4. The goods in the warehouses [redacted] included artillery shells up to one meter long, various types of mines, and hand grenades packed in boxes. These munitions had been brought to the warehouses by special freight trains before the structures were camouflaged.

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5. A military construction unit of about 200 men was stationed at the depot site and was carrying out unloading and camouflage operations in addition to guard duties. The unit was commanded by Major Iosif Barta, a former coal miner who was regarded by his men as a "slave driver."

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**COUNTRY:** Rumania

**SUBJECT:** The 254th Infantry Regiment at Cralova

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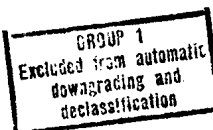
1. In 1957 and 1958 the 254th Infantry Regiment was stationed at a barracks about 150 meters south of the Cralova railroad station near the civilian prison. The regiment consisted of three battalions, one of veteran soldiers and two of recruits, which were well above their normal strength. The veterans' battalion was equipped with AV's and light artillery guns, which were apparently part of the unit's regular weapons stock.

2. The recruits' basic training lasted three months, at the end of which only a selected number continued to serve in the regiment, and the remainder were transferred to other rifle regiments, particularly to rear services units.

3. The recruits' basic training included the following:

- a. Individual, section, and platoon field training.
- b. Digging-in and the construction of fortifications for light weapons.

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- c. Instruction in the Simonov rifle, DP light machine gun, and Goryunov medium machine gun. During the firing practices which were held at the end of the light weapons training, each man fired three rifle rounds and ten machine gun rounds.
- d. Instruction in attack and defense grenades (none actually thrown).
- e. Use of protective clothing, gas capes, and respirators. PT and field training exercises were held with the men wearing this equipment. Because of the intensive effort involved, the men released the valve on their respirators in order to breathe more easily; this was obviously forbidden, but the respirators were never inspected.
- f. Night field training exercises, which were held several times a week. The emphasis in these exercises was on marksmanship, and a night firing exercise was held using target dummies which were illuminated occasionally by lamps or burning tins.
- g. Marching drill, rifle drill, PT, military regulations, and discipline.

4. Although the training routine was severe and involved many hours of strenuous effort, the men's rations and living conditions were very poor compared to those in the rear services units.

5 [redacted] personalities in the regiment:

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- a. Lt.-Colonel Gheorghe Neacsu [redacted] was administrative officer. [redacted]

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- b. Major Nicolae Negrut [redacted] was commanding officer [redacted]

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c. Lt. Major Gheorghe Stoica [REDACTED]

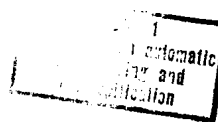
[REDACTED] was a company commander in the recruits' battalion. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

d. Major Dumitru Tatarasan [REDACTED] was political officer (second-in-command) [REDACTED]

e. Captain Dumitru Vasiliu [REDACTED] commanding officer of the recruits' battalion. [REDACTED]

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